

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A refrigerator, comprising:

a body provided with storage compartments;

a door hingedly coupled to the body ~~and selectively opening/closing the storage compartments~~; and

a door-handle assembly mounted [[in]] to a front of the door[[,]];

wherein opening the door allows access to the storage compartments,

wherein closing the door prevents access to the storage compartments,

wherein the door-handle assembly comprising comprises:

a door handle formed with; and

a supporting bracket installed in the front of the door;

wherein the door handle comprises:

a bracket-accommodating portion; and

a first coupling portion adjacent to the bracket-accommodating portion; [[and a]]

wherein the supporting bracket installed in the front of the door to be comprises a second coupling portion,

wherein the already installed supporting bracket is accommodated in the bracket-accommodating portion, and

wherein the having a second coupling portion is then locked to the first coupling portion by sliding the door handle.

2. (currently amended): The refrigerator according to claim 1, wherein the supporting bracket is formed with supporters at opposite ends thereof, and

wherein the door handle is formed with a sliding guide to support the supporters while sliding.

3. (original): The refrigerator according to claim 1, wherein the first coupling portion and the second coupling portion are hook-locked to each other.

4. (currently amended): The refrigerator according to claim 3, wherein the door handle further comprises:

a front cover; and

a rear cover detachably coupled with the front cover and formed with;

wherein the rear cover comprises the bracket-accommodating portion, the first coupling portion, and [[the]] a sliding guide.

5. (currently amended): The refrigerator according to claim 4, further comprising:

a reinforcing cover detachably connected onto the rear cover[[],];

wherein the reinforcing cover is formed with a separation hole at a position corresponding to the first coupling portion of the rear cover.

6. (original): The refrigerator according to claim 2, wherein the first coupling portion and the second coupling portion are hook-locked to each other.

7. (currently amended): The refrigerator according to claim 6, wherein the door handle further comprises:

a front cover; and

a rear cover detachably coupled with the front cover and formed with;

wherein the rear cover comprises the bracket-accommodating portion, the first coupling portion, and the sliding guide.

8. (currently amended): The refrigerator according to claim 7, further comprising:

a reinforcing cover detachably connected onto the rear cover[[],];

wherein the reinforcing cover is formed with a separation hole at a position corresponding to the first coupling portion of the rear cover.